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- 25X1 🚉 The so-called "Central Council of the Social Democratic Action" met in Berlin 27-29 January 1950. The occasion was used for a press conference, at which the Social Democratic Action came out wholeheartedly for a prc-Soviet course, and for lengthy negotiations with SED and Soviet strategists.
  - 2. Arthur von Machui and August Kuper visited Franz Dahlem and Karl Schirdevan and had an interview with Ambassador Semeonov and another ranking Soviet official. The Russians were particularly interested in the chances the Action has for expanding its influence in the SPD as a consequence of the rising resentment in the West to American policy. The Russians emphasized that the Action is not to be likened to the Last Zone bourgeois parties nor to such groups as Prof. Noack's. Machui and Kuper advised the Russians that the psychological moment had arrived to present American infiltration of western Germany as the greatest danger for Germany and that the Action would now stress this thome intensively in Western Germany.
  - 3. It was arranged that the action will establish an office in Berlin under (fnu) littler of the East Sector SPD. This office will be coordinated with Schirdevan's SED office and will serve as the liaison between the SED and the Action concerning matters of instruction and financial subsidies.

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